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September 8, 2022

MEMORANDUM

To: Christopher M. Blankenship  
Commissioner

From: Zachary Heard, Natural Resource Planner  
State Lands Division

Subject: State Lands Division - ADECA Recreational Trails Program

The State Lands Division is applying for a Recreational Trails Project grant through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to construct 3.5 miles of recreational trail at the Forever Wild Big Canoe Creek Tract in St. Clair County.

We will need signatures on the marked forms in order to complete the submission of the application. The application deadline is September 12, 2022 at noon.

If you have no revisions or additional questions regarding the attached application, please execute on the marked signature lines and return to me for submission to ADECA.

If you have any revisions or questions, just let me know and I will be happy to discuss with you and incorporate any changes.

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Crystal Talley  
Community Services Unit Chief  
ADECA  
401 Adams Ave., Suite 524  
P.O. Box 5690  
Montgomery, AL 36103-5690

Subject: FY2023 Recreational Trail Program Grant Application  
Big Canoe Creek Nature Tract RTP Trail

Dear Mrs. Talley:

Please find enclosed the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, State Lands Division application package for the FY 2023 Recreation Trails Program (RTP). Attached you will find one original application package as requested.

Please let me know if you need any additional information pertaining to the RTP application package. I can be reached by phone at (334) 353-1357 or via email at [Zachary.Heard@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:Zachary.Heard@dcnr.alabama.gov)

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for this RTP grant.

Sincerely,

Zachary Heard  
Natural Resource Planner

Enclosures: Original Copy

**Application Cover Sheet**

Applicant's Name (Organization):	Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, State Lands Division
Address:	64 North Union Street, Suite 464
	ZIP+4: 36130
County:	Montgomery
FEI Number:	630681348
DUNS Number:	929933406
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):	
Project Title:	Forever Wild Big Canoe Creek Trail
Project Description:	State Lands Division is seeking to construct trails for the
	Forever Wild Land Trust Big Canoe Creek Tract in St. Clair County
Park Name, if applicable:	Big Canoe Creek
Park (project location) Address:	2 Oak Grove Rd, Springville, AL
	ZIP+4: 35146
Latitude and Longitude (deg/min/sec):	86 29'17.521"W 33 47'36.194" N
Congressional District (for project location):	3 <sup>rd</sup> Congressional District
State Senate District (for project location):	State Senate District 11
State House District (for project location):	State House District 50
Applicant Contact Person and Title:	Zachary Heard, Natural Resource Planner
Phone Number:	334-242-3484
Email Address:	<a href="mailto:Zachary.Heard@DCNR.Alabama.gov">Zachary.Heard@DCNR.Alabama.gov</a>
Grant Administrator or Other Contact, Title, and Organization:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	

## RESOLUTION


Project Name: Forever Wild Big Canoe Creek Nature Tract RTP Trail  
Project Scope: Construction of hiking trail  
Project Location: Springville, St. Claire County  
Grant Amount: \$120,000

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR), State Lands Division proposes to construct a hiking trail at Forever Wild Land Trust's Big Canoe Creek Tract.

WHEREAS, the ADCNR, State Lands Division has made application to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs for grant assistance in the amount of \$120,000 to accomplish said project.

WHEREAS, the ADCNR, State Lands Division will provide the required matching share of \$30,000 as proposed to complete the said project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ADCNR, State Lands Division accepts the offer of financial assistance to complete said projects.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher M. Blankenship / Commissioner, ADCNR

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Date

  
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Witness

9-9-22  
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Date

SUBRECIPIENT NAME: Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, State Lands Division AGREEMENT NO: \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATION

Signature Zachary Heard FEIN NO. 63-6000619

Typed Name Zachary Heard DUNS NO. 929933406

Title Natural Resource Planner

Signature Evan Lawrence

Typed Name Evan Lawrence

Title Biologist II

This form certifies the above persons are authorized to sign reports or requests for payment and other legal instruments associated with the grant agreement number referenced above. Submission to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is part of a condition for payment of funds to the agency. Any one of the three signatures on this certification may be accepted. If changes in project managers or elected officials occur, a new certification form will be required for payment requests.

Christopher M. Blankenship

CEO/ Executive Director/President (Signature)

OFFICIAL SEAL

Christopher M. Blankenship / Commissioner, ADCNR

CEO/ Executive Director/President (Typed Name)

9-9-22

Date

MAILING ADDRESS for general information:

ADCNR, State Lands Division

64 N. Union, Suite 464

Montgomery, AL 36130

Phone Number: (334) 242-3484

MAILING ADDRESS for CHECKS  
(if bank, include account number, bank's name and address):

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### Project Descriptive Narrative

Provide a brief, yet informative, description of the proposed project and address each evaluation criterion on the following pages (provide additional information and documentation as may be needed to support your response to each evaluation criterion).

#### Project Information

Name of Project: Forever Wild Big Canoe Creek Trail

Trail Length in Linear Feet (L.F.): 18,480 Trail Width: 36"

Trail Surface Type: Crushed Stone and/or Natural Material

Application Type: ☒ Non-motorized for a Single Use ☐ Motorized  
☐ Non-motorized for Diverse Use ☐ Educational

Type of Applicant: ☐ City/Town ☐ County  
☒ State ☐ Other

Total Estimated Project Cost	\$ <u>\$150,000</u>
Grant Amount Requested	\$ <u>\$120,000</u>
Total Local Match	\$ _____
Cash Match	\$ <u>\$30,000</u>
In-Kind Match	\$ _____
Donation	\$ _____

#### Brief Description of the Project:

The Recreation Unit within the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, State Lands Division (SLD) manages recreational trails on Forever Wild Land Trust (FWLT) tracts throughout the State of Alabama. SLD currently manages 363 miles of recreational trails, 7 of which have been designated as National Recreational Trails, and 52 trailheads on FWLT tracts. These trails and trailheads provide the public access to hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, canoeing, and watchable wildlife opportunities.

Currently, there are approximately 128 miles of hiking and multi-use trails open on FWLT tracts across Alabama. In addition to open trails, there are 28 miles of hiking trails in various stages of planning, internal review, or construction.

The Forever Wild Big Canoe Creek Tract is an ecologically and geologically rich area. The Tract is comprised of approximately 422 acres in Springville, Alabama and lies within the Big Canoe Creek Preserve managed by the City of Springville. The Tract is located conveniently from Murphees Valley Road 2.4 miles from I-59 exit 154. The property encompasses hilly, forested terrain and aquatic and riparian habitat in and near Big Canoe Creek, including the drainage of a significant tributary into the creek.

The St. Clair County Commission is currently constructing a road and parking area. In addition the City is working on hiking and equestrian trails that potentially could also allow bicycles in the future.

The SLD is requesting funding to expand upon the improvements being implemented by the County and City by adding an additional 3.5 miles of hiking trails. This trail system will utilize the main access road and parking area constructed by the County. SLD intends to accomplish construction of the 3.5 miles of trail through a vendor. Matching funds will come from SLD. This trail as planned falls within the objectives of the “Big Canoe Creek Nature Preserve Master Plan” proposed by the City in 2021. This trail further offers the ability to expand and create additional loops and connections in the future. The goal will be to use a combination of full bench and cut and fill to create the trail corridor and tread surface using natural material from the site.

This 3.5 mile trail will intersect the trail currently under construction. The main resulting loop will be approximately 5 miles in length upon completion. A survey of stakeholders reported that 34% of respondents wanted a 2-3 mile loop and 30% wanted 3-5 miles of loop trails. Future trails include a .4 mile ADA accessible segment in development by the City to meet the reported desire of shorter overall length trail options.

**Please address all evaluation criteria (100 Total Available Points).**

- 1. Describe the degree to which the project’s scope and feasibility meet the project area’s recreational needs. (Key Consideration: Does the project appear to be feasible and incorporate a good project design with consideration given to the natural and cultural environment in which the project is located and appropriate consideration given to identified needs and project benefits?) 10 Points Available**

St. Clair County is in region 3 of the SCORP. No facilities nearby/too far was the number 1 barrier to entry listed on the SCORP for this region. Construction of this trail will increase outdoor recreation available to the citizens of the City of Springville, St. Clair County, and surrounding area. The property will be open free of charge addressing cost as a barrier to entry listed in the SCORP. The SCORP listed “unpaved hiking trails” and “hiking trails total miles” as areas of improvement needed for this region. This project will add 3.5 miles to the Tract in addition to the 4.6 miles of hiking and equestrian trails the city will construct.

- 2. Describe the ways in which the project provides for the greatest number of compatible recreational purposes. (Key Consideration: An important concern is that the project will enhance the quality and quantity of recreational trail opportunities available in the community or region. Points will be given to projects with connectivity to other trails and/or parks, environmental education and preservation, and economic development opportunities.) 10 Points Available**

The additional Big Canoe Creek trail would offer recreational opportunities to support and enhance the work completed and under construction by the City of Springville and St. Clair County. This trail would offer a biologically diverse outdoor recreation experience in addition to the creek access trail being constructed by the City of Springville. This trail creates opportunities for outdoor classroom meetings, wildlife observation, areas for hiking groups, and day-use visitors in addition to the existing 2.6 mile equestrian trail.

- 3. Describe the ways in which the project provides a new, unique, or more effective means for making trail opportunities available to the public. (Key Consideration: This criterion includes projects of national, regional, and local demonstration value. The most important concern is whether the grant recipient is committed to trying an approach that is new at the local level. Additional points are awarded for nationwide applicability and statewide or regional value. The applicant must commit to documenting the results of the demonstration and identify the method to be used in documenting the results.) 10 Points Available**

Currently there are no trails open to the public on the Tract due to ongoing construction. The City of Springville has allocated funding for a hiking and equestrian trail. The County is building an access road and parking area. The proposed RTP project would increase the total number of miles of trails from 4.6 to 8.1 miles. Respondents to the stakeholder survey said that currently they are traveling to Turkey Creek Nature Preserve near Pinson for outdoor hiking trails. It is reasonable to assume some people will travel an equal distance to come to Big Canoe Creek, creating regional draw and visitation.

- 4. Describe the ways in which the project facilitates the access and use of trails by persons with disabilities, older adults, economically disadvantaged, and other special populations or groups. (Key Consideration: Whether the project will expand recreation opportunities for special populations with recreation deficiencies.) 10 Points Available ADA access?**

There will be no charge to access the Tract eliminating one possible financial barrier to outdoor recreation. The parking area will have ADA spaces. The City of Springville is currently planning the construction of an ADA trail and pavilion that will be ADA accessible. Prior to trail construction, the amenities in the parking area will allow those with disabilities or mobility limitations to enjoy a portion of the trail system by providing access to the pavilion and kiosk area.

- 5. Describe the ways in which the project creates opportunities for new partnerships between trail users, private interest groups, and public agencies within the project area. (Key Consideration: The major concern is that the project is a component of an integrated effort to enhance economic revitalization and community conservation. Points will be given to applicants providing evidence of cooperative efforts with trail user groups and/or multiple public meetings.) 10 Points Available**

Survey results from both the stakeholders and the SCORP identified a local desire for hiking trails. Big Canoe Creek Preserve Partners, Inc. a volunteer organization is active in advocating for development at the Tract and offering to provide assistance. There have been several speakers at public meetings held by the City of Springville Parks and Recreation Division where individuals have spoken in support of trails and development at the Tract. Included with this application are letters of support from the St. Clair County Commission, the City of Springville Mayor, and Big Canoe Creek Preserve Partners, Inc. These trails create an opportunity for volunteers to help maintain trail and work on native plant restoration projects, invasive species removal, and other identified needs after opening.

- 6. Describe the ways in which the project uses the grant funds to leverage other public or private investments (in the form of services and materials as well as dollars). (Key Consideration: The major concern is whether actual leveraging is assured or the potential for leveraging is good, outside of any funds committed for the initial grant match. Points will be given for applicants committing double the minimum local match or higher. Supporting documentation must be included in the application.) 10 Points Available**

St. Clair County is currently constructing an access road and parking area with assistance from the FWLT. The City of Springville is currently constructing a 1.6 mile trail and designing a .4 mile ADA trail. The RTP funding would allow construction of an additional 3.5 miles of trail bringing the total miles to 8.1 (including 2.6 miles of existing equestrian trails) and completion of the initial phase of creating a recreational area in the City of Springville. These trails will allow Big Canoe Creek Preserve Partners, Inc to leverage volunteers to continue to serve the Tract into the future by bringing in more visitors and engaging volunteers. The SLD will provide the required matching funds to construct the 3.5 miles of trail.

- 7. Describe the degree of commitment to continue operation and maintenance of the project. Include an operation and maintenance plan detailing the amount of money needed to operate and maintain the trail/facility after project completion and identify who will be responsible for these activities. (Key Consideration: Whether the grant recipient is willing to commit to continue the maintenance and operation of the facilities and whether the applicant provides a realistic operation and maintenance plan/budget. Additional points will be awarded to applicants demonstrating innovative funding measures for trail maintenance.) 10 Points Available**

Forever Wild has a memorandum of understanding with the City of Springville to operate the Tract as a preserve and recreational area. The City's Parks and Recreation Department has committed a full-time caretaker to work at the property. Should the city become unable to maintain the property, the SLD would ultimately be responsible for maintaining the trail system and trailhead area. The FWLT Stewardship Account would be available to support long-term routine maintenance of the constructed trail and amenities. If problems are identified, the appropriate measures will be taken to address the needed repairs.

- 8. The degree to which community involvement is addressed: i.e., (A) Project idea originated with trail users or a community group that has substantial knowledge, and (B) The private sector (including individual citizens, community groups, and/or local business enterprises) has participated in the development of the proposed idea and has made commitments of labor, money, or materials to support project implementation. (Key Consideration: The objective is to determine if the project is responding to citizen-identified needs. The priority of the project to users is evidenced by citizen support for the idea. Points will be awarded to applicants demonstrating that the project concept was originally proposed at the grassroots level and, especially, for extensive citizen or private organization involvement in project development and support in project implementation as well as applicants demonstrating extensive involvement and participation from citizens and interest groups during all phases of application development and commitments beyond. Supporting documentation must be included in the application.) 10 Points Available**

The City of Springville and St. Clair County have committed funds and resources to the Tract. Macknally Land Designs created an online survey in May of 2020. There were 344 responses. The survey results indicated that a vast majority of the 344 respondents lived within the distance of Big Canoe Creek and typically travel to participate in outdoor recreation. Walking and hiking trails were identified as the greatest need with the majority of respondents requesting trails between 2 and 5 miles in length. The City's Parks and Recreation Board meets monthly with a public comment period provided. Groups of individuals have spoken to the Board on two occasions to discuss their support for trails at the Tract. The Big Canoe Creek Preserve Manager employed by the City is active in pursuing grants where available to support the Big Canoe Creek Tract.

- 9. Describe in detail how the trail will be managed. Include a discussion on season length, hours of operation, limitations on use, enforcement provisions, and scheduling. 10 Points Available**

Trail systems will be open to the public 7 days a week 365 days a year. The parking area will be open 1 hour and 30 minutes before sunrise until 1 hour and 30 minutes after sunset. Trail access will follow the same time schedule with the exception of those using a designated camping area. The trailhead will have an information kiosk constructed by the City detailing public use guidelines hours of operations, educational information, and maps showing the locations of the trails and camping areas.

**10. Identify and describe the service area of the project. Approximately how many people do you propose to serve with this project? Identify other trail resources in the service area by trail type (motorized, non-motorized, multi-use), distance, location in relation to the proposed trail, and ownership. (Key Consideration: The RTP was created to address trail needs in the urban and rural areas of the state. In order to assess the need for additional trails it is first necessary to identify the quantity and location of existing resources within the service area. It is also necessary to establish a service area – either population or resource based. For example, a population-based service area could be a neighborhood, school district, or political jurisdiction whereas, a resource-based service area might be defined along a linear greenway, water course, or unique natural/cultural area. However, in both instances, an estimate of the number of beneficiaries should be provided. Please identify how the project service area was determined.) 10 Points Available**

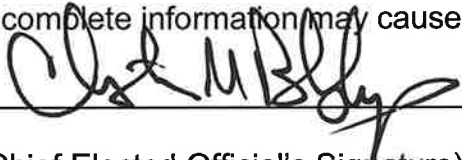
Region 3 has a population of 1.15 million people according to the SCORP. The Tract is 2 miles from Springville City center, 17 miles from Oneonta, 20 miles from Moody. The Tract is a quarter mile from a local venue “Homestead Hollow” which hosts regional and national events. It is likely that people from around Alabama and surrounding states will visit the Tract. With such visitation supporting the local businesses and communities.

**NOTE: Property acquired with RTP funds must remain open to the public in perpetuity. Should the property cease to be open to the public for trail use, the applicant must repay the RTP 80% (or the federal percentage share) of the fair market value of the property at the time of the change in use. If the project is located on an easement or on leased land, the minimum timeframe for the easement or lease is 25 years. The project must remain open for public access for the use for which the RTP funds were intended during that time. For development projects on applicant owned property, the project must remain open for public access for the use for which the RTP funds were intended for a minimum of 25 years.**

Total Project Cost: \$150,000 Funds Requested: \$120,000

**Important Note:** The maximum grant amount by trail type is **\$200,000.00** for non-motorized, single-use trails; **\$400,000.00** for non-motorized, diverse-use trails; **\$524,937.00** for motorized trails; or **\$87,489.00** for education projects.

The applicant certifies that the data contained in the application is true and correct; the application has been duly authorized; and, the applicant understands that incorrect or incomplete information may cause the application to be rejected.



(Chief Elected Official's Signature)

Commissioner, ADCNR

(Title)

9-9-22

(Date)

### Project Cost Estimate

The Recreational Trails Program provides **80/20 matching** fund grants. That is, the RTP will fund up to 80 percent of the project cost and the grant recipient must provide at least 20 percent in the form of cash, in-kind, and/or donated contributions.

#### Eligible Costs

1. Design, engineering, and construction oversight services (**may not exceed 10% of the total construction cost**)
2. Direct labor
3. Special tradesmen secured under a service purchase contract
4. Rental of equipment
5. Construction contracts
6. Project materials
7. Signage<sup>1</sup>
8. Land acquisition
9. Professional project administration (grant consultant) (**may not exceed 5% of total project cost**)

#### **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT BUDGET**

<b>BUDGET ITEM</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>RTP SHARE</b>	<b>MATCHING SHARE</b>
Acquisition			
Construction Contracts	\$150,000	\$120,000	\$30,000
Equipment Rental			
Labor			
Signage			
Supplies/Materials			
Administration			
Engineering			
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> Signs which function as traffic control devices must conform with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Part IX of the MUTCD, Traffic Controls for Bicycle Facilities, covers the bicycle related signs, pavement markings, and signals which may be used on highways or bikeways. Part IX is applicable to shared use paths (non-motorized multiple-use trails which may provide a transportation purpose). The publication Standard Highway Signs has the detailed drawings for the highway signs prescribed in the MUTCD. These documents are available for purchase from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

Signs which do not function as traffic control devices are not subject to the MUTCD. However, informational signs and kiosks must take into consideration the needs of various users, such as: people who are blind or who have low vision, people who use wheelchairs, and children.

## 2021 RTP Budget Details

Budget Item	Total	Category
Trail Construction Contract	\$ 150,000	Construction Contracts

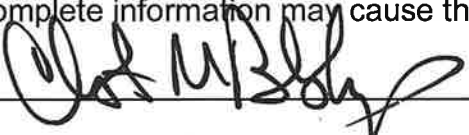
## 2021 RTP Schedule of Project Activities

Project Events	Scheduled Completion
Prepare project for bid	10/31/2022
Complete final flagging and environmental review	11/30/2022
Complete Contract Agreement for Trail Construction	1/31/2023
Begin Trail Construction	2/1/2023
Complete Trail Construction	4/30/2023
Complete Grant Closeout	6/30/2023

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Big Canoe Creek Trail Project Boundary Map  
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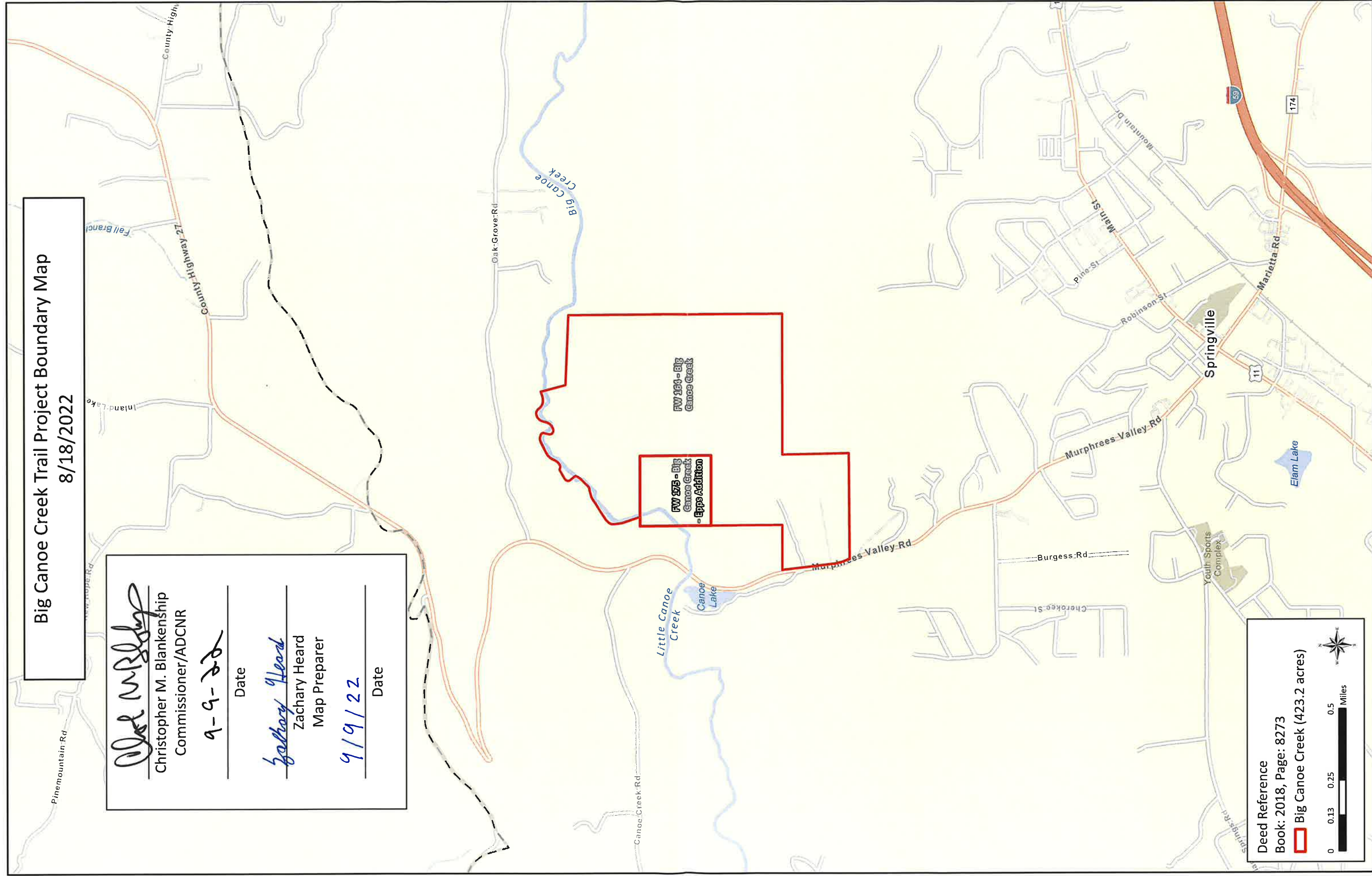
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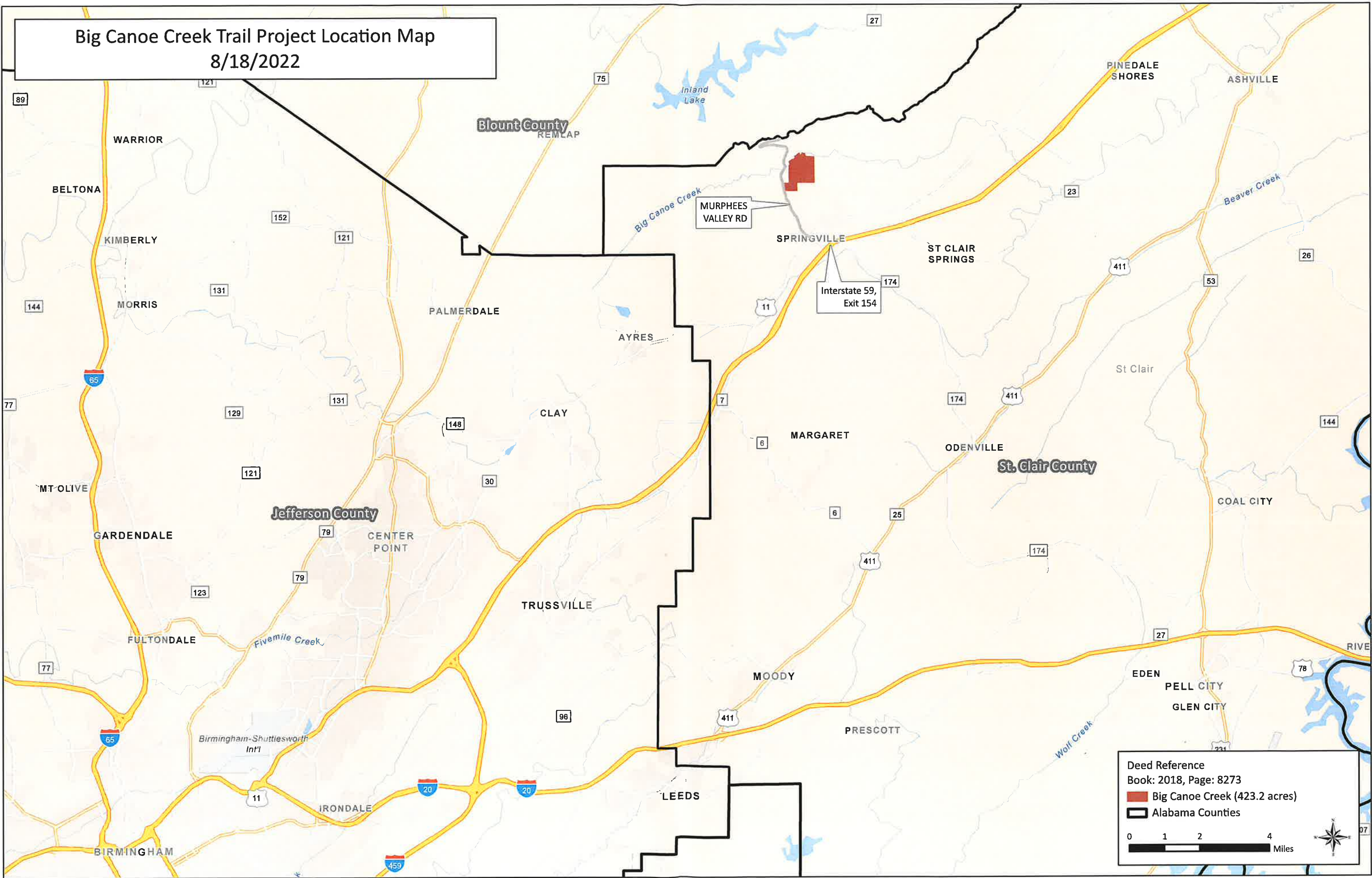
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 Big Canoe Creek (423.2 acres)

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Big Canoe Creek Trail Project Location Map  
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# Big Canoe Creek Trail Preliminary Site Plan

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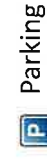
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SLD RTP Proposed Hiking Trail (3.5 miles)

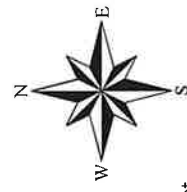
Existing Horse Trail (2.6 miles)

Creekside Trail - Under Construction (1.6 miles)

Future ADA Trail - To Be Completed by City (0.4 miles)

Access Road

Big Canoe Creek (423.2 acres)



# CONSERVATION & NATURAL RESOURCES, ALABAMA

## DEPT OF

Unique Entity ID <b>WLNMNKHKF5T1</b>	CAGE / NCAGE <b>3H0T5</b>	Purpose of Registration <b>All Awards</b>
Registration Status <b>Active Registration</b>	Expiration Date <b>Dec 8, 2022</b>	
Physical Address <b>64 N Union ST RM 458 Montgomery, Alabama 36130-3020 United States</b>	Mailing Address <b>64 N Union ST RM 458 Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1450 United States</b>	

### Business Information

Doing Business as <b>(blank)</b>	Division Name <b>Dcnr Administrative Division</b>	Division Number <b>(blank)</b>
Congressional District <b>Alabama 02</b>	State / Country of Incorporation <b>(blank) / (blank)</b>	URL <b>www.outdooralabama.com</b>

### Registration Dates

Activation Date <b>Nov 10, 2021</b>	Submission Date <b>Nov 8, 2021</b>	Initial Registration Date <b>Sep 5, 2003</b>
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### Entity Dates

Entity Start Date <b>Mar 14, 1939</b>	Fiscal Year End Close Date <b>Sep 30</b>
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### Immediate Owner

CAGE <b>(blank)</b>	Legal Business Name <b>(blank)</b>
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### Highest Level Owner

CAGE <b>(blank)</b>	Legal Business Name <b>(blank)</b>
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### Executive Compensation

Registrants in the System for Award Management (SAM) respond to the Executive Compensation questions in accordance with Section 6202 of P.L. 110-252, amending the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (P.L. 109-282). This information is not displayed in SAM. It is sent to USAspending.gov for display in association with an eligible award. Maintaining an active registration in SAM demonstrates the registrant responded to the questions.

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### Exclusion Summary

Active Exclusions Records?

**No**

### SAM Search Authorization

I authorize my entity's non-sensitive information to be displayed in SAM public search results:

**Yes**

### Entity Types

#### Business Types

Entity Structure <b>U.S. Government Entity</b>	Entity Type <b>US State Government</b>	Organization Factors <b>(blank)</b>
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### Socio-Economic Types

Check the registrant's Reps & Certs, if present, under FAR 52.212-3 or FAR 52.219-1 to determine if the entity is an SBA-certified HUBZone small business concern. Additional small business information may be found in the SBA's Dynamic Small Business Search if the entity completed the SBA supplemental pages during registration.

### Government Types

U.S. State Government

### Financial Information

Accepts Credit Card Payments  
**Yes**

Debt Subject To Offset  
**No**

EFT Indicator  
**0000**

CAGE Code  
**3H0T5**

### Points of Contact

#### Electronic Business

👤  
Joseph Osenton, Accounting Director

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Montgomery, Alabama 36130  
United States

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### Service Classifications

#### NAICS Codes

Primary  
**Yes**

NAICS Codes  
**924120**

NAICS Title  
**Administration Of Conservation Programs**

### Disaster Response

This entity does not appear in the disaster response registry.



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September 2, 2022

Department of the Army  
Mobile District Corps of Engineers  
Regulatory Division  
PO Box 2288  
Mobile, AL 36628-0001

Subject: Request for review and concurrence of the proposed Forever Wild Big Canoe Creek Tract Trail  
St. Clair County

To Whom it May Concern:

The State Lands Division (SLD) of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is seeking Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Recreational Trail Program (RTP) funding to establish a recreational trail on the Forever Wild Land Trust Big Canoe Creek Tract in St. Clair County T14S, R2E, and portions of Sections 19, 24, and 25. The trail as designed is 3.5 miles circling most of the perimeter of the Big Canoe Creek Tract, a trail outline is included on the attached map along with a project location map.

The application process for the RTP grant program requires concurrence from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The SLD is requesting that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers review this project and provide concurrence pertaining to the Section 404 Program. If you require any additional information, please contact me at (334) 353-1357 or via email at [Zachary.Heard@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:Zachary.Heard@dcnr.alabama.gov).

Your attention to this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Zachary Heard  
Natural Resource Planner

Enclosures: Location Map  
Topographic Map



STATE OF ALABAMA  
**DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES**  
64 NORTH UNION STREET, SUITE 464  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36130

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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
Daphne Field Office  
Mr. Bill Pearson  
Field Supervisor  
1208-B Main Street  
Daphne, AL 36526

Subject: Request for review and concurrence of the proposed Forever Wild Big Canoe Creek Trail in Springville, St. Clair County Alabama.

Dear Mr. Pearson:

The State Lands Division (SLD) of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is seeking Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Recreational Trail Program (RTP) funding to establish a trail located on the Forever Wild Land Trust (FWLT) Big Canoe Creek Tract, St. Clair County (T14S, R2E, and portions of Sections 19, 24, and 25). The trail would consist of a 3.5 mile hiking trail. The locations of the proposed route is identified on the attached maps.

The application process for the RTP grant program requires concurrence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The SLD is requesting that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service review this project and provide concurrence pertaining to the Section 7 Program. If you require any additional information, please contact me at (334) 353-1357 or via email at [Zachary.Heard@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:Zachary.Heard@dcnr.alabama.gov).

Your attention to this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Zachary Heard".

Zachary Heard  
Natural Resource Planner

Enclosures: Location Map  
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Alabama Historical Commission  
Lee Anne Wofford,  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
468 South Perry Street  
Montgomery, AL 36130-0900

Subject: Request for review and concurrence of the proposed Forever Wild Big Canoe Creek Tract St. Clair County

Dear Mrs. Woffard:

The State Lands Division (SLD) of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is seeking Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Recreational Trail Program (RTP) funding to establish a recreational trail at Forever Wild Land Trust (FWLT) Big Canoe Creek in St. Clair County City of Springville. The trail would cross much of the tract. Currently the trail measures 3.5 miles in length. This could change once we flag the final route for construction. We are requesting Historical Commission review covering most of the 423 acres. The preliminary trail design and tract boundaries map are included on the attached pages.

The application process for the RTP grant program requires concurrence from the Alabama Historical Commission. The SLD is requesting that the Alabama Historical Commission review this project and provide concurrence pertaining to the Section 106 Program. If you require any additional information, please contact me at (334) 353-1357 or via email at [Zachary.Heard@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:Zachary.Heard@dcnr.alabama.gov)

Sincerely,

Zachary Heard  
Natural Resource Planner

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**WARRANTY DEED**

**STATE OF ALABAMA  
ST. CLAIR COUNTY**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: that in consideration Fifty-Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$55,000.00) and other valuable consideration to the undersigned Grantor in hand paid by the Grantee herein, the receipt whereof is acknowledged **Charlotte Epps McGlohon, a married woman** (herein referred to as Grantor), do hereby GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL AND CONVEY unto **The Alabama Trust Fund for the State of Alabama (pursuant to Amendment 543 to the Alabama Constitution of 1901)** (herein referred to as Grantee), its successors and assigns, forever, the following described real estate, situated in Jackson County, Alabama, to-wit:

The South ½ of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼, Section 24, Township 14 South, Range 1 East, situated in St. Clair County, Alabama.

Subject to reasonable rights of ingress and egress for the benefit of the following described contiguous property: The North ½ of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼, Section 24, Township 14 South, Range 1 East, situated in St. Clair County, Alabama.

Grantor, for herself, her heirs, successors and assigns covenants with Grantee, its successors and assigns, that:

1. She is lawfully seized of an indefeasible estate in fee simple in and to the real property particularly described above;
2. She has a good and lawful right to sell and convey the same as aforesaid;
3. The same is free and clear of any liens or encumbrances; and
4. She will and her heirs, successors and assigns shall, warrant and defend the title thereof unto the Grantee, its successors and assigns, forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever.

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TOGETHER WITH ALL AND SINGULAR the rights, members, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD to the said Grantee, its successors and assigns, forever.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and seal this the \_\_\_\_ day of June, 2019.

*Charlotte Epps McGlohon*  
Charlotte Epps McGlohon

STATE OF South Carolina }  
Dorchester COUNTY }

I, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for said County and State hereby certify that Charlotte Epps McGlohon, whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is known to me acknowledged before me on this day, that being informed of the contents of the conveyance she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

*Elizabeth H Sloan*  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Commission expires: 10/08/2023

**Grantor's Address: P. O. Box 669  
Summerville, SC 29484**

**Grantees' Address:  
Alabama Forever Wild Land Trust c/o  
State of Alabama, Department of Conservation  
And Natural Resources, State Lands Division  
Attention: Patricia J. Powell  
464 Folsom Administrative Building  
64 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36130  
(send tax notice to this address)**

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## WARRANTY DEED

### STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR

Know All Men by These Presents, That in consideration of One Hundred and No/100<sup>th</sup> Dollars (\$100.00) and other valuable considerations, to the undersigned Grantor, Robert B. Epps and Michelle M. Epps as Co-Trustees under the Robert & Michelle Epps Living Trust Agreement dated September 21, 2015, in hand paid by ALABAMA TRUST FUND FOR THE STATE OF ALABAMA (PURSUANT TO AMENDMENT 543 OF THE ALABAMA CONSTITUTION OF 1901) the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the said, Robert B. Epps and Michelle M. Epps as Co-Trustees under the Robert & Michelle Epps Living Trust Agreement dated September 21, 2015 do by these presents, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said ALABAMA TRUST FUND FOR THE STATE OF ALABAMA (PURSUANT TO AMENDMENT 543 OF THE ALABAMA CONSTITUTION OF 1901), its successors and assigns, the following real property located in Barbour County, Alabama:

The North ½ of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼, Section 24, Township 14 South, Range 1 East, situated in St. Clair County, Alabama.

Subject to reasonable rights of ingress and egress for the benefit of the following described contiguous property: The South ½ of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼, Section 24, Township 14 South, Range 1 East, situated in St. Clair County, Alabama; Existing zoning laws, if any; all easements, agreements, rights of way, setback lines, restrictions, and other matters of record, including, without limitation, any appearing on any recorded plat.

This conveyance is made subject to covenants, restrictions and easements heretofore imposed upon the subject property.

Grantors, for themselves, their heirs, successors and assigns covenants with Grantee, its successors and assigns, that:

1. They are lawfully seized of an indefeasible estate in fee simple in and to the real property particularly described above;
2. They have a good and lawful right to sell and convey the same as aforesaid;
3. The same is free and clear of any liens or encumbrances; and
4. They will and their heirs, successors and assigns shall, warrant and defend the title thereof unto the Grantee, its successors and assigns, forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever.

*Handwritten initials:* HME  
MME

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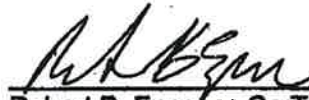
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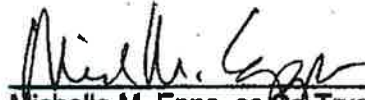
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TO HAVE AND TO HOLD to the said Grantee, its successors and assigns, forever.

In Witness Whereof, Robert B. Epps and Michelle M. Epps as Co-Trustees under the Robert & Michelle Epps Living Trust Agreement dated September 21, 2015, have caused these presents to be executed for it and in it their names as Trustees, and attested and their seals this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2019.



Robert B. Epps, as Co-Trustee for  
The Robert & Michelle Epps Living  
Trust dated September 21, 2015



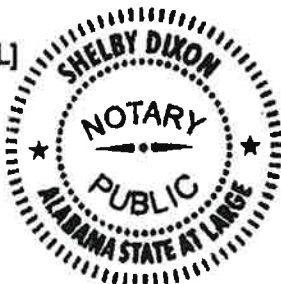
Michelle M. Epps, as Co-Trustee for  
The Robert & Michelle Epps Living  
Trust dated September 21, 2015

STATE OF Alabama  
Madison COUNTY

I, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for said County and State hereby certify that Robert B. Epps and Michelle M. Epps, whose names as Co-Trustee for the Robert & Michelle Epps Living Trust dated September 21, 2015, are signed to the foregoing conveyance, and are is known to me acknowledged before me on this day, that being informed of the contents of the conveyance they in his capacity as Co-Trustees executed the same voluntarily in the aforesaid capacities on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2019.

[SEAL]



  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Commission expires: 03-27-2022

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Huntsville, AL 35802**

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## WARRANTY DEED

### STATE OF ALABAMA ST. CLAIR COUNTY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: that in consideration of One Million Twelve Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$1,012,000.00) and other valuable consideration to the undersigned Grantor in hand paid by the Grantee herein, the receipt whereof is acknowledged **Springville Property Partners, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company, and Canoe Creek Development, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company** (herein referred to as Grantors), do hereby GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL AND CONVEY unto **The Alabama Trust Fund for the State of Alabama (pursuant to Amendment 543 to the Alabama Constitution of 1901)** (herein referred to as Grantee), its successors and assigns, forever, the following described real estate, situated in St. Clair County, Alabama, to-wit:

A tract of land situated in the West ½ of Section 19, Township 14 South, Range 2 East, the NE ¼ of Section 24, Township 14 South, Range 1 East, the SE ¼ of Section 24, Township 14 South, Range 1 East and the NE ¼ of Section 25, Township 14 South, Range 1 East all in St. Clair County, Alabama being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at the NE corner of Section 25, Township 14 South, Range 1 East and run S 00°35'34" E for 1237.95 feet; thence run N 89°49'27" W for 1960.27 feet to a point on the Easterly right of way of St. Clair County Road No. 9; thence run N 24°57'30" W along said road right of way for 26.44 feet to the point of beginning of a curve to the right, having a radius of 940.78 feet and a central angle of 18°53'45"; thence run Northerly along said curve and said road right of way for 310.26 feet; thence run N 06°03'46" W along said road right of way for 847.45 feet to the point of beginning of a curve to the left, having a radius of 1575.18 feet and central angle of 04°09'18"; thence run Northerly along said curve and said road right of way for 114.23 feet to a point on the North line of said Section 25; thence run S 88°47'11" E along the North line of said Section 25 for 811.87 feet to the SW corner of the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 24, Township 14 South, Range 1 East; thence run N 00°43'13" E along the West line of said ¼ ¼ section for 1324.14 feet to the NW corner of said ¼ ¼ Section; thence run S 89°01'40" E along the North line of said ¼ ¼ section for 1328.25 feet to the NW corner of the S ½ of the SW ¼ of Section 19, Township 14 South, Range 2 East; thence run North 00°21'09" East along the West line of said Section 19 for 1332.53 feet to the SE corner of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 24, Township 14 South, Range 1 East; thence run N 89°23'22" W along the South line of said ¼ ¼ section for 1148.29 feet; thence run N 18°36'38" W for 235.41 feet; thence run S 76°39'07" W for 749.43 feet to a point on the Easterly right of way of St. Clair County Road No. 9; thence run N 22°15'12" W along said road right of way for 131.84 feet to the point of beginning of a curve to the right, having a radius of 1094.87 feet and a central angle of 38°11'35"; thence run Northerly along said road right of way and said curve for 729.83 feet; thence run N 76°41'30" E for

369.94 feet; thence run N 71°07'03" E for 200.16 feet; thence run S 75°39'27" E for 69.08 feet; thence run N 68°27'02" E for 146.50 feet; thence run N 79°22'17" E for 219.49 feet; thence run N 48°51'37" E for 239.26 feet; thence run S 89°18'08" E for 196.06 feet; thence run S 33°36'12" E for 326.61 feet to a point on the centerline of Canoe Creek; thence run along the centerline of Canoe Creek the following courses: thence run N 44°51'57" E for 133.31 feet to the point of beginning of a curve to the left, having a radius of 224.22 feet and a central angle of 21°35'35"; thence run Northeasterly along said curve for 84.50 feet to the point of beginning of a compound curve to the left, having a radius of 46.78 feet and a central angle of 74°22'50"; thence run Northerly along said curve for 60.73 feet; thence run N 39°31'09" W for 78.60 feet to the point of beginning of a curve to the right, having a radius of 71.12 feet and a central angle of 100°00'48"; thence run Northerly along said curve for 124.14 feet; thence run N 60°29'39" E for 180.33 feet to the point of beginning of a curve to the right, having a radius of 31.33 feet and a central angle of 41°17'30"; thence run Easterly along said curve for 22.58 feet to the point of beginning of a compound curve to the right, having a radius of 159.47 feet and a central angle of 08°47'45"; thence run Easterly along said curve for 24.48 feet to the point of beginning of a reverse curve to the left, having a radius of 64.07 feet and a central angle of 43°17'53"; thence run Easterly along said curve for 48.42 feet to the point of beginning of a compound curve to the left, having a radius of 187.56 feet and a central angle of 41°11'08"; thence run Northeasterly along the said curve for 134.82 feet; thence run N 26°05'53" E for 48.13 feet to the point of beginning of a curve to the right, having a radius of 255.57 feet and a central angle of 37°58'25"; thence run Northeasterly along said curve for 169.38 feet thence run N 64°04'18" E for 223.07 feet to the point of beginning of a curve to the right, having a radius of 159.13 feet and a central angle of 52°33'01"; thence run Easterly along said curve for 145.95 feet to the point of beginning of a compound curve to the right, having a radius of 75.31 feet and a central angle of 22°34'36"; thence run Southeasterly along said curve for 29.67 feet to the point of beginning of a compound curve to the right, having a radius of 42.07 feet and a central angle of 61°18'45"; thence run Southerly along said curve for 45.02 feet to the point of beginning of a reverse curve to the left, having a radius of 374.61 feet and a central angle of 17°21'44"; thence run Southerly along said curve for 113.52 feet to the point of beginning of a compound curve to the left, having a radius of 50.00 feet and a central angle of 53°33'59"; thence run Southeasterly along said curve for 46.75 feet to the point of beginning of a compound curve to the left, having a radius of 89.70 feet and a central angle of 61°18'47"; thence run Easterly along said curve for 95.99 feet to the point of beginning of a compound curve to the left, having a radius of 198.86 feet and a central angle of 52°21'10"; thence run Northeasterly along said curve for 181.70 feet; thence run N 15°55'01" E for 60.14 feet to the point of beginning of a curve to the right, having a radius of 163.93 feet and a central angle of 60°17'49"; thence run Northeasterly along said curve for 172.52 feet; thence run N 76°12'50" E for 7.61 feet to the point of beginning of a curve to the right, having a radius of 104.98 feet and a central angle of 19°42'10"; thence run Easterly along said curve for 36.10 feet to the point of beginning of a compound curve to the right, having a radius of 90.00 feet and a central angle of 43-18'53"; thence run Southeasterly along said curve for 68.04 feet; thence run S 40°46'08" E for 51.07 feet to the point of beginning of a non tangent curve to the left, of which the radius point lied

N 56°14'55" E, a radial distance of 159.24 feet; thence run Southeasterly along said curve, through a central angle of 35°10'42", for 97.77 feet to the point of beginning of a compound curve to the left, having a radius of 231.81 feet and a central angle of 23°51'08"; thence run Easterly along said curve for 96.50 feet to the point of beginning a compound curve to the left having a radius of 494.96 feet and a central angle of 14°27'45"; thence run Easterly along said curve for 124.94 feet; thence leaving said creek centerline run S 14°09'43" E for 474.99 feet to the Northeast corner of the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 19, Township 14 South, Range 2 East; thence run S 89°47'28" East along the North line of said ¼ ¼ section for 1312.17 feet to the NE corner of said ¼ ¼ section; thence run S 00°54'42" W along the East line of said ¼ ¼ section, thence East line of the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ and the East line of the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of said Section 19 for 4001.20 feet to the Southeast corner of the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of said Section; thence run N 89°38'28" W along the South line of said ¼ ¼ section, and the South line of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of said Section 19 2585.82 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of land herein described.

Less and Except the following:

Commence at Southwest corner of the Southeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 24, Township 14 South, Range 1 East, St. Clair County, Alabama; thence run South 89°23'22" East along the South line of said ¼ ¼ Section for 171.39 feet, thence run North 18°36'38" West for 235.41 feet to the point of beginning; thence run South 76°39'07" West for 749.43 feet to a point on the Easterly right of way line of St. Clair County Road No. 9; thence run North 22°15'12" West along said right of way for 131.84 feet to a point of curve to the right having a radius of 1094.87 feet and a central angle of 38°11'35"; thence run Northerly along the arc and said road right of way, a distance of 729.83 feet; thence run North 76°41'30" East 369.94 feet; thence run North 71°07'03" East for 200.16 feet; thence run South 75°39'27" East for 69.08 feet; thence run North 68°27'02" East for 146.50 feet; thence run North 79°22'17" East for 219.49 feet; thence run North 48°51'37" East for 239.26 feet; thence run South 89°18'08" East for 196.06 feet; thence run South 33°36'12" East for 313.22 feet to a point on the centerline of Canoe Creek; thence run along the center line of Canoe Creek the following courses; thence run South 39°09'45" West for 152.52 feet; thence run South 81°46'46" West for 219.38 feet, thence run South 52°40'09" West for 540.08 feet; thence run South 17°45'47" West for 94.31 feet; thence run South 18°18'26" East for 230.27 feet to the point of beginning.

All being situated in St. Clair County, Alabama.

Grantors, for themselves, their successors and assigns covenant with Grantee, its successors and assigns, that:

1. They are lawfully seized of an indefeasible estate in fee simple in and to the real property particularly described above;
2. They have a good and lawful right to sell and convey the same as aforesaid;
3. The same is free and clear of any liens or encumbrances; and

4. They will and their successors and assigns shall, warrant and defend the title thereof unto the Grantee, its successors and assigns, forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever.

TOGETHER WITH ALL AND SINGULAR the rights, members, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD to the said Grantee, its successors and assigns, forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set out hands and seals this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

Springville Property Partners, LLC,  
An Alabama limited liability company

By: Donald H. Hays

By: Managing Member

Canoe Creek Development, LLC,  
An Alabama limited liability company

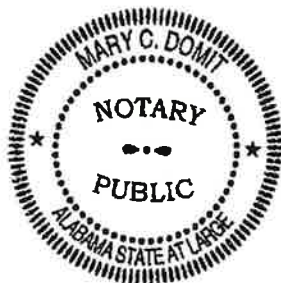
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By: Managing Member

STATE OF ALABAMA }  
Jefferson COUNTY }

I, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for said County and State hereby certify that Don Huey and Don Huey as Managing Member of Springville Property Partners, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company, whose names are signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who are known to me acknowledged before me on this day, that being informed of the contents of the conveyance they, with full authority, executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.



Mary C. Domit  
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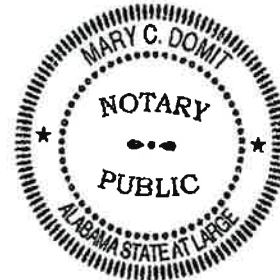
I, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for said County and State hereby certify that Don Huey and \_\_\_\_\_ as Managing Member of Canoe Creek Development, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company, whose names are signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who are known to me acknowledged before me on this day, that being informed of the contents of the conveyance they, with full authority, executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

Mary C. Donit  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Commission expires: 06/12/20

**Grantor's Address: 3535 Grandview Parkway, Suite 550  
Birmingham, AL 35243**

**Grantees' Address:  
Alabama Forever Wild Land Trust c/o  
State of Alabama, Department of Conservation  
And Natural Resources, State Lands Division  
Attention: Patricia J. Powell  
464 Folsom Administrative Building  
64 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36130  
(send tax notice to this address)**



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Indicate potential for **adverse** impacts.

A. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES	No Impacts or Not Applicable	Negligible Impacts	Minor Impacts	Impacts Exceed Minor EA/EIS required	More Data Needed to Determine EA/EIS required
1. Geological resources: soils, bedrock, slopes, streambeds, landforms, etc.		X			
2. Air quality	X				
3. Sound (noise impacts)	X				
4. Water quality/quantity	x				
5. Streamflow characteristics	X				
6. Marine/estuarine	X				
7. Floodplains/wetlands	X				
8. Land use/ownership patterns; property values; community livability	x				
9. Circulation, transportation	x				
10. Plant/animal/fish species of special concern and habitat; state/federal listed or proposed for listing	X				
11. Unique ecosystems, such as biosphere reserves, World Heritage sites, old-growth forests, etc.	X				
12. Unique or important wildlife/wildlife habitat	X				
13. Unique or important fish/habitat	X				
14. Introduce or promote invasive species (plant or animal)	X				
15. Recreation resources, including parks, open space, conservation areas, rec. trails, facilities, services, opportunities, public access, etc.)	X				
16. Accessibility for populations with disabilities	X				
17. Overall aesthetics, special characteristics/features	X				
18. Historical/cultural resources, including landscapes, ethnographic, archeological, structures, etc.	X				
19. Socioeconomics, including employment, occupation, income changes, tax base, infrastructure	X				
20. Minority and low-income populations	X				
21. Energy resources (geothermal, fossil fuels, etc.)	X				
22. Other agency or tribal land use plans or policies	X				
23. Land/structures with a history of contamination/hazardous materials even if remediated	X				
24. Other important environmental resources that should be addressed	X				

<b>B. MANDATORY CRITERIA</b> If your proposal is approved, would it...	Yes	No	To be determined
1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety?		X	
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands, wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (E.O. 11990); floodplains (E.O 11988); and other ecologically significant or critical areas?		X	
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102(2)(E)]?		X	
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		X	
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?		X	
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?		X	
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, as determined by either the bureau or office?(Attach SHPO/THPO Comments)		X	
8. Have significant impacts on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species?		X	
9. Violate a federal law, or a state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		X	
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?		X	
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007)?		X	
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area, or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112)?		X	
<b>C. CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION CRITERIA</b>			
13. Is the area previously disturbed and unlikely to result in any excavation beyond surface disturbance possibly impacting archaeology?		X	
14. Is the area regularly mowed and therefore unlikely to contain endangered species?		X	
15. Is there any surface water within direct proximity to the project which would require protection from construction impacts?		X	

**Environmental Reviewers**

The following individual(s) provided input in the completion of the environmental screening form. **List all reviewers including name, title, agency, field of expertise.** Keep all environmental review records and data on this proposal in state compliance file for any future program review and/or audit. **There must be at least one person listed here.**

1. Wayne Barger, Biologist III, Alabama State Lands Division, Ph.D in Botany, rare plant identification
2. Brian Holt, Biologist II, Alabama State Lands Division, rare plant identification, entomology
3. Zachary Heard, Natural Resource Planner, Alabama State Lands Division, Recreation

The following individuals conducted a site inspection to verify field conditions.

**List name of inspector(s), title, agency, and date(s) of inspection. There must be at least one person listed here.**

1. Wayne Barger, Biologist III, State Lands Division
2. Brian Holt, Biologist II, State Lands Division
3. Zachary Heard, Natural Resource Planner, State Lands Division

Signature of Chief Elected Official here:

  
Signature

9-9-22  
Date

Environmental Checklist For Recreational Trails Program Project**County:** St. Clair**Project Location:** Forever Wild Big Canoe Creek**Project Sponsor/Applicant:** AL Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**Project Description:** Forever Wild Land Trust Big Canoe Creek Trail

Concurrence from Alabama Historical Commission attached?	Yes	No <u>X</u>
Concurrence from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services attached?	Yes	No <u>X</u>
Concurrence from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers attached?	Yes	No <u>X</u>
Tribal Consultation attached?	Yes	No <u>X</u>
Was the property acquired before January 1971?	Yes	No <u>X</u>
If "No" explain property acquisition process (Use additional sheets if necessary):		
The Forever Wild Big Canoe Creek property and additions were purchased in 2018 and 2019 as part of the Alabama Forever Wild Land Trust. Properties purchased through this program are managed by the ADCNR-State Lands Division and will remain as public trust lands in perpetuity.		

Note: If you have not received the concurrence letters by the application deadline, submit copies of the request letters. Concurrences over three (3) years old cannot be used and new concurrences must be obtained.

**Required Letters of Concurrence and Release of Conditions**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

<b>Mobile District Corps of Engineers</b>	<b>Nashville District Corps of Engineers</b>
Chief, Regulatory Division	Western Regulatory Field Office
Post Office Box 2288	2424 Danville Road, SW, STE N
Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001	Decatur, Alabama 35603-4219
Phone: 251-690-2658	Phone Number: 256-350-5620

Alabama Historical Commission: Amanda McBride, Environmental Review Coordinator, Alabama Historical Commission, Post Office Box 300900, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900, Phone: 334-230-2692, Email: amanda.mcbride@ahc.alabama.gov

U.S. Fish And Wildlife Service: Mr. Bill Pearson, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1208-B Main Street, Daphne, Alabama 36526-4419, Phone: 251-441-5181, Email: bill\_pearson@fws.gov.

# CITY OF SPRINGVILLE

P.O. BOX 919  
160 WALKER DRIVE  
SPRINGVILLE, AL 35146

DAVE THOMAS, MAYOR  
WAYNE TUCKER, MAYOR PRO TEM  
LYNN PORTER, CITY CLERK



COUNCIL MEMBERS  
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KATRINA HENNINGS      SHERRY REAVES

August 26, 2020

To whom it may concern:

The City of Springville supports the efforts of Forever Wild to build more multi-use trails on the Big Canoe Creek Nature Preserve and will provide continued trail maintenance on all trails built. On July 1, 2022, the City hired a Manager for the Preserve to help oversee operations.

The City is in the process of funding and building one loop trail approximately 1.8 miles in length which leads to the waters of Big Canoe Creek and one more trail approximately .8 mile in length with easier terrain that we envision could be ADA accessible in the near future. We envision more multi-use trails to be used by hikers, horseback riders and bikers. Citizens of the community and surrounding communities have voiced their views through an online survey and have attended Springville's Park and Rec board meetings to voice their wishes for these multi-use trails.

The City of Springville supports the efforts of the State Lands Division/Forever Wild program seeking this grant to build a multi-use trail.

Sincerely,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Dave Thomas



Big Canoe Creek Preserve Partners, Inc  
370 Oak Grove Road  
Springville, AL 35146  
Tel. 205-910-7660

To Whom it may concern:

Hi,

We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization called the Big Canoe Creek Preserve Partners, Inc. Our mission is to promote the conservation and preservation of the Big Canoe Creek Nature Preserve in Springville, a Forever Wild property, through outreach, awareness and education while supporting recreational uses that promote health and wellness.

We support the efforts of the Alabama State Lands Division/Forever Wild program in their application for an ADECA RTP grant to build a multi-use trail on the Big Canoe Creek Nature Preserve. Our goal is to help raise funds to support the City of Springville in their operational capacity of the Nature Preserve through Corporate sponsorship, fundraising and donations.

We believe the Big Canoe Creek Nature Preserve provides a great opportunity for conservation education and recreational uses that will bring folks to our great outdoors and experience the great biodiversity in the State of Alabama.

For the Love of Nature,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Morrison". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Doug Morrison  
Chairman  
Big Canoe Creek Preserve Partners, Inc.  
(205)910-7660



*St. Clair County*  
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***Tina Morgan***  
***Administrator/Treasurer***

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***165 5th Avenue Suite 100***  
***Ashville, Alabama 35953***  
***(205) 594-2100***  
***Fax (205) 594-2110***

***Jeff Brown***  
***Ricky Parker***  
***Tommy Bowers***  
***Jimmy Roberts***  
***Associate Members***

August 19, 2020

To whom it may concern:

The St. Clair County Commission supports the efforts of Forever Wild to build more multi-use trails on the Big Canoe Creek Nature Preserve located in Springville, AL.

The County is in the process of funding and constructing paving of the Entrance Road and Parking area for the Preserve. The County Commission has worked closely with the City of Springville and the State Lands Division/Forever Wild during this construction and is excited to see progress towards creating a place for outdoor recreational opportunities such as biking, hiking, horseback riding and canoeing while providing the public with healthy outdoor experiences, an appreciation for land stewardship and an improved quality of life.

St. Clair County Commission supports the efforts of the State Lands Division/Forever Wild program seeking this grant to build a multi-use trail.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Paul Manning